

## REMARKS

In the May 1, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 5, 12, 13, and 17-20 for various informalities or for depending on a rejected base claim, and rejected claims 11 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0136467 to Noda ("Noda") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0078408 to Miller et al. ("Miller"). However, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4 and 6-10 were allowable, and that claims 5, 12, 13 and 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the noted informalities or to incorporate the base claim limitations. As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-10, 12-13 and 17-20 contain allowable subject matter, and look forward to obtaining allowance of these claims.

In order to expedite allowance of the case, Applicants have cancelled claims 11 and 14-16 and have rewritten claims 5, 12 and 17-19. In particular, claims 5, 17 and 18 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner, and claims 12 and 17-19 have been amended to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims. By amending claims 5, 12 and 17-19 and cancelling claims 11 and 14-16 from further consideration in this application, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-10, 12-13 and 17-20 be allowed.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (512) 338-9100.

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